more incentives in order that children of middle and low income groups are able to have toys; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The All India Toy Manufacturers Association have represented for abolition of excise duty on toys.

(b) A decision would be taken after considering all relevant aspects.

Issue of separate figures by the Central Statistical organisation and the Reserve Bank of India

2687. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India and the Central Statistical Organisation issue separate figures concerning the State of the economy; if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some official committees have recommended that only one set of figures should be issued; and

(c) if so, the reasons for making a departure from this recommendation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) is the official agency for release of estimates of national income, savings, etc. These estimates for a financial year are issued in the month of January of the following year. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) while commenting on the performance of the economy in their Report on Currency and Finance also presents the estimates of national income on the basis of CSO estimates of the earlier years and estimated increase in agricultural and industrial production upto July each year. It also gives the rates of savings of the economy and utilises the CSO data on the public sector savings and a part of the savings of the household sector. These estimates are subsequently revised by them when latest CSO data becomes available in January. There are thus differences between the two sets of estimates primarily because of the additional data and detailed work done by the CSO in the intervening period of July to December.

(b) A working Group on Savings set up by the Government of India under the Chairmanship of Prof. K.N. Raj to undertake a critical review of the available estimates of saving and investment in the economy recomended *inter-alia* in its report that the two set of estimates of saving of the CSO & RBI should not be different except because of the differences in the time of preparation and release of respective estimates. Accordingly, the two agencies are in continuous dialogue and a number of issues have already been sorted out and it is expected that the remaining issues would be resolved in the course of the current year.

(c) There is no departure from the recommendations of the Raj Committee and the same are being implemented.

Cheating by Punjab National Bank Naroji Nagar

2688. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab National Bank, Naroji Nagar acting through their present manager and his predecessor has cheated M/s. Nath Hardware Store, Rohilla of about 90 thousand rupees through Adarsh Gupta of M/s. Shaily and Shaily Advertising, 242, DDA Office Complex I, Jhandewalan and resident of 123 Mohammad Pur Village, R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that both the above mentioned managers in connivance with other persons encashed the Bank cheques supposedly obtained as security from M/s. Nath Hardware Store through Mr. Adarsh Gupta his brother and a teacher of Government School, Sarojini Nagar, New Delhi;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in this direction?